National & Global Youth Service Day April 21-23, 2006



National & Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, engaging millions of young Americans and focusing national attention on the amazing leadership of young people. Initiated by Youth Service America and the National Youth Leadership Council, the 18th Annual National & Global Youth Service Day will take place April 21-23, 2006.

National & Global Youth Service Day (N&GYSD) aims to:

- Mobilize youth as leaders to identify and address the needs of their communities through service.
- Encourage youth to create a lifelong commitment of service and civic engagement.
- **Educate** the public, the media and policymakers about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders.

Serve DC, Executive Office of the Mayor, is coordinating National & Global Youth Service Day for the District of Columbia.

SERVE DC

Executive Office of the Mayor

The mission of Serve DC is to strengthen and promote the District of Columbia's spirit of service through partnerships, national service and volunteerism. Serve DC has led the National & Global Youth Service Day celebration in DC for the past four years. In 2005, more than 8,000 volunteers participated in 80 youth-led community service projects!

This year, the Commission's goal is for 9,000 youth and adults to volunteer in 90 meaningful service projects in the District. Join us in accomplishing this goal and meeting the needs of your community!

YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA

Youth Service America (YSA) is a resource center that partners with thousands of organizations committed to increasing the quality and quantity of volunteer opportunities for young people in America, ages 5-25, to serve locally, nationally and globally. Visit www.YSA.org.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) seeks to build vital, just communities with young people through service-learning. Visit www.NYLC.org.

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OR visit www.serve.dc.gov and click on "National Youth Service Day" (under Programs).

To learn more about National & Global Youth Service Day and how it is celebrated across the country, visit <u>www.YSA.org/NYSD</u>, or across the globe, visit <u>www.GYSD.net</u>.